

Gila County

ARIZONA ADULT EDUCATION

Program Year
2010-2011

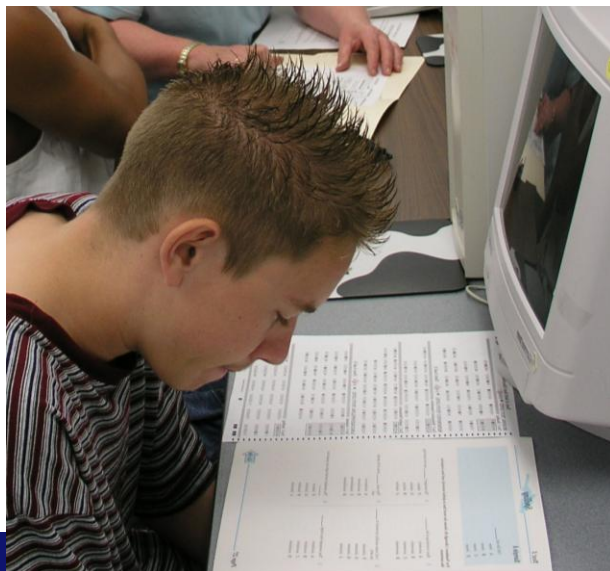


Arizona
Department of
Education
Adult
Education
Services

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*Adult Education
delivers literacy
services to
out-of-school
adults who are
16 years of age
and older and
who are not
enrolled in
K-12 school.*

In Arizona, only providers who meet rigorous standards and produce positive student outcomes are funded. **Gila County Adult Education** is the program certified to provide adult education throughout Gila County. The Arizona Department of Education—Adult Education Services allocated \$74,689 to Gila County for adult education services for the Program Year 2010-2011.



Gila County Adult Education **DATA**

- 164 adults enrolled in Adult Education classes
- 7,282 instructional hours were provided in Adult Education classes
- \$10 of Adult Education funding was expended per instructional hour
- \$455 of Adult Education funding was expended per adult student
(compared to over \$6,000 funding per K-12 student)
- 43% of enrolled students improved more than two grade levels
- 56% who sought a high school equivalency credential passed the GED® Test and earned a diploma
- 20% who sought a job found employment
- 20% who sought to retain or improve employment were successful
- **GED® Testing Data:** 140 Arizona High School Equivalency Diplomas were issued.

Gila County's Adult Education **NEEDS**

Of the approximately 52,230 people living in Gila County, 77% (40,237) are 18 years old and older. Of that number, 18% (7,132) lack a high school credential. 13% (405) of 16 to 19 year olds are not enrolled in school and do not have a high school diploma.

2% of individuals 18 years and older (653) live in "linguistically isolated" households (*all members of the household 14 years and over have at least some difficulty with English*).

Source: American Community Survey 2005-2009

The integration of Adult Education and Post-secondary training in Pinal County gives the **Gila/Pinal County** Workforce Investment Board insight on an excellent service delivery model that can be replicated to serve the workforce development needs of the citizens in both counties under its jurisdiction.



Data provided by Arizona Department of Education-Adult Education Services
www.ade.az.gov/adult-ed

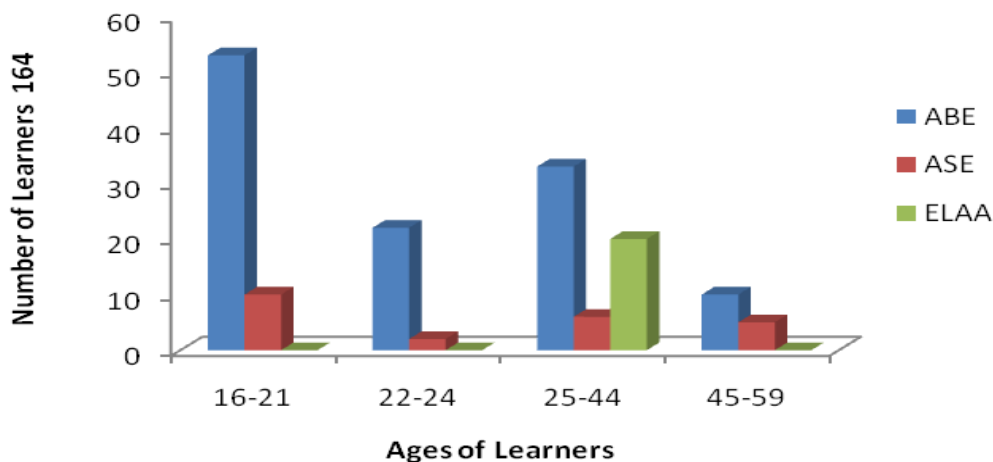
SNAPSHOT: Adult Education in **GILA** County



- 8,295 students were enrolled in public pre-school through high school during the 2009-2010 school year. Gila County reported 2,525 public high school (Grades 9-12) students and a dropout rate for grades 7-12 in 2007-2008 of 5%. ADE-AES served 87 people under the age of 25, of whom 72% (63) were between ages 16 and 21.
- 74% of the adults in Gila County enrolling in Adult Education classes had reading, writing, and/or math proficiency skills at eighth grade or below.
- 59% of adult learners in Gila County are between the ages of 25 and 44.
- 29% of adult learners in Gila County are employed.
- 18% (7,132) of the population 18 and over representing child-bearing and employment ages in Gila County have less than a high school education. The 2003 National Assessment of Adult Literacy research confirms that the educational attainment of the parents, particularly that of the mother, has a direct bearing on the educational achievement of a child.
- The U.S. Department of Labor-Bureau of Labor Statistics has determined the 2008 median annual earnings difference between no diploma and a high school credential to be \$8,580. The 140 individuals earning a GED® in Gila County represent a potential increase in taxable income of approximately \$1,201,200 per year.

Improving an adult's skills in reading, writing and/or math **SIGNIFICANTLY** increases his/her earning potential & ultimate contributions as a member of the workforce, a family, and the community for a lifetime.

Gila County Adult Learners



- ABE** = Adult Basic Education Instruction in reading, writing, & math through 8th grade level.
- ASE** = Adult Secondary Education Instruction in reading, writing, math, science & social studies. May lead to a high school equivalency diploma.
- ELAA** = English Language Acquisition for Adults Instruction in listening, speaking, reading & writing for non-native English speakers.

EL/Civics – Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education is provided throughout Arizona Adult Education programming.